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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING  
COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL  
IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS  
40-360, et seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY  
AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A 230 kV  
DOUBLE-CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE  
ORIGINATING AT THE PLANNED AND  
PERMITTED ABEL SUBSTATION, NEAR JUDD  
AND ATTAWAY ROADS IN PINAL COUNTY,  
TO THE PLANNED AND PERMITTED RS-17  
SUBSTATION, ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING  
MOODY SUBSTATION, LOCATED NEAR  
PECOS AND RECKER ROADS, IN THE TOWN  
OF GILBERT, MARICOPA COUNTY,  
ARIZONA, AND INCLUDING A NEW 230/69 kV  
SUBSTATION NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF  
COMBS AND MERIDIAN ROADS, IN OR  
ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF QUEEN  
CREEK, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000B-09-0311-00148

Case No. 148

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"Managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources"  
June 24, 2009

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RE: Salt River Project Abel-Moody 230 kV Transmission Line Project  
Docket No. L-00000B-09-0311-00148  
State Act Consultation  
SHPO-2008-1280 (40245)

Mr. Foreman:

Thank you for consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-864 for the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding an application by Salt River Project for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for their new 230 kV double-circuit transmission line and 230/69 kV substation in Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona. We have reviewed the submitted materials and offer the following comments.

Our records indicate that vast majority of the project area has **not** been inspected for cultural resources. The proposed alternatives of the transmission line routes traverse an area along Queen Creek that prehistorically was the location of a number of very large habitation sites. We recommend that the **project area be inspected for cultural resources by a qualified archaeologist** in order to locate and evaluate any existing cultural remains within the project area. In addition, the Governor of Arizona's Executive Order 2006-14 regarding tribal consultation should be noted, given the tribal interests in the area where project area is located. The applicant is reminded that Arizona State Law requires that if human remains or burial goods are encountered during any ground-disturbing activities, even on private lands [i.e., A.R.S. § 41-865], work in the immediate vicinity must cease and the Director of the Arizona State Museum promptly notified.

We appreciate your cooperation with this office in considering the potential impacts of development on cultural resources situated in Arizona. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 542-7140 or electronically at [djacobs@azstateparks.gov](mailto:djacobs@azstateparks.gov).

Sincerely,



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